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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Proceeding—No. 11-65)

Dear Commissioners:

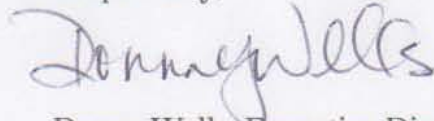
This letter is in response to your call for comments on the proposed T-Mobile/AT&T merger, as referenced above. I am excited about the potential that the outcome of this merger has to improve quality of life, professional and educational opportunities, and economic development in my community.

Many rural areas like mine do not have sufficient broadband providers, meaning that many communities are isolated from each other and from the rest of the world. In Crystal Springs, greater coverage is desperately needed, particularly so that our schoolchildren and our businesses can compete now and into the future. The ability to get connected and develop opportunities will help communities and local economies to thrive, too.

At the Crystal Springs Chamber of Commerce, we seek to help local businesses expand and develop, and we promote our community to employers. Increased availability of reliable, high-speed broadband service will help us to accomplish those things more effectively for the good of our people and our city. It will also help give our small businesses and entrepreneurs access to online resources that will help them learn to hire, manage, train, and invest more effectively as they also establish an online presence.

I hope you will carefully consider the positive impact that this merger will have on the lives of people and on the success of local businesses in communities like mine across the country. I thank you kindly for your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donna Wells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donna" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Wells".

Donna Wells, Executive Director
Crystal Springs Chamber of Commerce

CC:

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